

**MINUTES**  
**STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES**  
**OCTOBER 16, 1998**

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, October 16, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. in room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

**Members present:** Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, Patricia Puckett, William Seal, Hazel Terry, and George Walker.

**Members absent:** Yvonne Brown, Sara Fox, Joanna Heidel, and Billy Hewes.

**Staff in attendance:** Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Ethel Ewing, Duane Hamill, Tracy Heggins, Sandra Lucas, Venetria Moore, Danny Seal, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, and Dr. Evelyn Webb.

**Guests in attendance:** Dr. William McHenry, representing IHL and Andy Kanengiser, representing the Clarion Ledger.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 9:05 a.m.

**PRELIMINARIES**

The invocation was given by Henry Hudspeth.

**Approval of Minutes of September 17 and 18, 1998, Board Meetings**

On a motion by William Seal and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 17 and 18, 1998, meetings.

**Review of Agenda**

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Ray gave an update on a meeting of the mississippi.future.net (m.f.n.) work group which is scheduled to meet on November 10, 1998. The work group will develop recommendations on issues related to Mississippi's technology needs.

Dr. Ray gave a brief status report on recommendations for the consolidation of workforce education efforts for the State. It appears that Legislation will be pre-filed to move JTPA and any federally funded subsequent programs as well as post-secondary vocational technical programs and TANF funding presently in the State Department of Education's budget to the SBCJC by the year 2000.

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Dr. Ray reported that staff is in the process of evaluating bids received in response to a request for proposal for the development of a teaching/learning model to use technology in the classroom.

Dr. Ray stated that the fact sheet distributed at last month's SBCJC meeting, at the suggestion of Henry Hudspeth, had been distributed to the community and junior college presidents for publication in their local news media.

Dr. Ray distributed a copy of a plan developed by the University of Southern Mississippi for expanding higher education opportunities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast (Exhibit A) for the Board members' review and discussion at a later date.

### **REPORTS/ACTION**

#### **Finance Report**

Upon motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the October 31, 1998, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Fund 4080, 4110, and 4301 in the amount of \$7,685,111.16 (Exhibit B).

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert presented the following reports not requiring action for the Board members' review:

Financial Statements for funds 2291, 3291, and 4300 (Exhibit C).  
Bimonthly Capital Improvement Report (Exhibit D).  
Results of Property Audit on September 4, 1998 (Exhibit F).

Deborah Gilbert presented a data sheet containing basic information on the community and junior colleges for the Board members' review (Exhibit G).

#### **Vocational-Technical Recommendations/Funding**

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher reported on legislation being drafted to move post-secondary vocational technical education from the State Department of Education to the SBCJC.

Mr. Walker thanked all Board members that attended the Joint Legislative Budget Hearing. He asked that copies of the Power Point presentation be distributed to all Board members detailing workforce accountability statistics.

Mr. Walker commented on the Special Taskforce for Economic Development Planning Report. The Board discussed feedback they had received in response to the report.

#### **MACJC Report**

Dr. Ted Alexander reported on the following items discussed at the September 22, 1998, meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

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Dr. Alexander reported on a meeting with representatives of the Planning and Development Districts with regard to the Workforce Investment Act.

The Association discussed the schedule for the 1998 Regional Legislative Meetings and urged SBCJC members to attend their local meetings.

Mrs. Jean Denson discussed the highlights of the legislation and answered questions with regard to the Workforce Investment Act.

Dr. Alexander updated the Board on the History of Community and Junior Colleges project. The Mississippi Humanities Council has approved a grant for planning the oral history of the community college leadership.

Dr. Alexander appointed MACJC standing and special committees for the year.

### Workforce Education Report

Mr. Walker highlighted points of the Workforce Investment Act. Under the federal rules, all Governors will have the duty to appoint a group to administer the Act within the states. Mississippi already has in place the One Stop Interagency Executive Council (OSIEC) and the State Workforce Development Training Council (SWDC). The SBCJC is on record of supporting the appointment of the SWDC as the group to distribute workforce training funds for Mississippi.

Mr. Walker thanked the Board for their support in requesting that he be appointed to the Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission.

Mr. Walker urged SBCJC members to attend the MACJC Regional Legislative Meeting in their respective districts. Members of the SWDC will be assisting the MACJC in presenting workforce training needs at the meetings.

Mr. Walker reported on the 5th Annual Mississippi Economic Review and Outlook Conference he attended. The conference highlighted the need to raise the per capita income of Mississippi residents. One way in which to accomplish this goal is through workforce training.

Mr. Walker also reported on the SWDC's Committee in Support of Public Education's activities.

Mr. Walker reported on a School-to-Careers Grant awarded to Mississippi. The request for proposals to implement the grant on the local level will be distributed soon. The proposal will first be evaluated by local district workforce councils and then will be submitted to the State Workforce Development Council for recommendation and approval.

### EdNet Report

Dr. Olon Ray reported on an EdNet Retreat where a decision was made to authorize the initiation of eleven (11) local origination sites around the state. The proposals will be due by December 1, 1998. Dr. Ray introduced Venetria Moore, who assists Patrick McKinnis with the

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CCN, and thanked her for filling in while Patrick is out because of the birth of his first child, Harrison Patrick McKinnis.

#### Proprietary Schools and College Registration

Danny Seal updated the Board on the actions taken by the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration at the October 16, 1998, meeting (Exhibit E). The Board viewed a video of the operation and public service projects at Blue Cliff School of Therapeutic Massage School.

#### Quality Award Update

Duane Hamill gave the Board an update on the 1998 Mississippi Quality Awards Program . The awards program based on the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Awards program criteria is designed to help educate individuals in the concept, principles, and strategies of quality management and is scheduled for April 9, 1999, at the Beau Rivage, in Biloxi, Mississippi (Exhibit F).

#### Lower Level Course Offering

Dr. Ray discussed with the Board a pending request from the University of Southern Mississippi and IHL to approve a list of courses at the Gulf Park Campus.

#### Adequate Insurance Coverage

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher presented a final copy of the proposed policy concerning adequate insurance on buildings at community and junior colleges. The policy has completed the administrative procedures process. The Board discussed comments received from Hinds Community College and Itawamba Community College (Exhibit G). On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adequate insurance policy as presented (Exhibit H). Upon John Junkin's suggestion the board agreed to inform key legislators of the action taken by the Board.

#### Legislative Report

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher gave an overview of upcoming legislation and discussed bills that would affect the SBCJC with Board members.

#### Travel Authorizations

Chairman Walker asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request for reimbursement of travel expenses as follows:

George Walker for attending a State Workforce Development Council meeting on October 14, a MACJC Regional Legislative Meeting on November 9, and a Ford Foundation Rural Community College Initiative meeting at Coahoma Community College on November 12, 1998.

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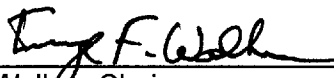
Patricia Puckett for attending a District Workforce Council meeting on September 29, and a Workforce Investment Act Taskforce meeting on October 20, 1998.

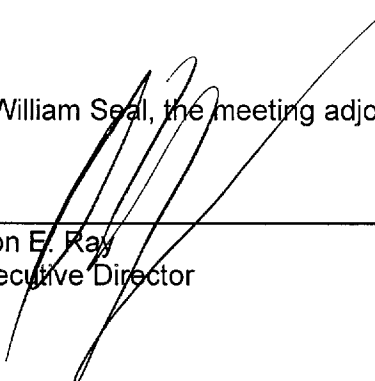
Other Business

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to call a special meeting on October 22, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Edison Walthall Hotel.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by William Seal, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

  
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George Walker, Chairman

  
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Executive Director